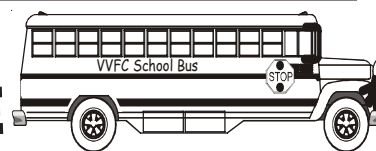


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POLICY UPDATE



- As of August 2005, the Minimum Immunization Requirements for Daycare and School Entry were revised. Facilities can find a copy of these new regulations on the DOI web site and in this mailing. (http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/imm/min_school_regs.asp)
- As of September 1, 2005, VVFC has implemented a Fraud and Abuse policy for all facilities (see insert).
- Beginning September 1, 2005, a revision date of less than 12 months is now required on Emergency Response Plans for vaccine retrieval in the event of a power outage or storage unit mechanical failure.

Outstanding VVFC Compliance

*Cartersville Family Medicine, Inc., Cartersville
Chincoteague Island Community Health, Chincoteague
Commonwealth Pediatrics, PC, Colonial Heights
Pediatric Diagnostic Center, Norfolk
Practice of Dr. Bott, Winchester
Virginia Pediatrics, P.C., Hopewell*



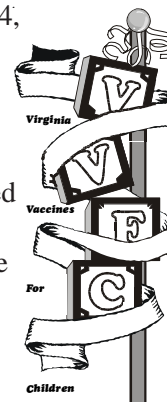
Exceptional Immunization Rates

*Chesapeake Pediatrics - Volvo, Chesapeake
Children's Medical Center, LTD, Martinsville
Dr. Varandani & Associates, Pennington Gap
Franktown Comm. Health Center, Franktown
Jackson River Pediatrics, Covington
Kids and Co., Inc., Ashland
Marion Pediatric Associates, P.C., Marion
Pediatric Affiliates, Chesapeake
Pediatric Associates West, Charlottesville
Southern Albemarle Family Practice, Esmont
Winchester Pediatric Clinic, PC, Winchester
WVVA Health Care Alliance, Clifton Forge*

(Immunization rates exceed 90% using CASA software)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- Please use the Order Center phone number (1-877-781-VVFC) **only** for questions relating vaccine orders and returns. Questions relating to VVFC and general immunization should be directed to 1-800-568-1929.
- The licensed schedule for Comvax is 2, 4, and 12-15 months old. If it is given at 6 months old, the Hib dose should be disregarded and given again at 12-15 months old.
- Certified thermometers can be purchased from any medical supply company.
- If you have staff turnover and would like an educational visit, please call us!



VVFC INFLUENZA VACCINE



Earlier this year we sent out VVFC Advanced Influenza Vaccine Order Forms. If you would like to reduce your VVFC influenza vaccine order, please contact us immediately. We apologize, but we cannot accept any order increases at this time.

VVFC has placed our Influenza vaccine order for the entire season and are now awaiting arrival from the manufacturer. Because we have already ordered our supply for the season, we cannot guarantee that orders received after the deadline (April 5, 2005) will be filled. Any remaining supply will be reserved for new VVFC facilities who joined after the deadline. Facilities joining VVFC after the deadline need to submit their orders now! You can find the order form on our web site (<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/imm/pdf/FluOrderForm05.pdf>).

Vaccine shipments will begin when Influenza vaccine is received by our distributor, which is typically in early October. Facilities may receive partial shipments throughout the season, depending on when and how much of the vaccine is released by the manufacturer. The current VIS are included in this mailing.

MENACTRA SHORTAGE

According to the CDC, "MCV4 vaccine is experiencing a high volume of demand [all over the country.] Vaccine is being allocated in both the public and private sectors based on estimates of monthly [need] as well as available supply. The supply and demand mismatch is expected to be short term. Updates on supply and allocations will be provided when available."

Facilities must abide by the priority groups for vaccination until the shortage is resolved. Please refer to the April/May 2004 BackPage for a list of these groups, or see the CDC web site.



TDAP NOW AVAILABLE

Tdap is now available from the VVFC program. Enclosed is an updated order form for you to place your order. Tdap is preferred over Td as adolescents are susceptible to pertussis due to waning immunity. A Tdap or Td booster is recommended at any age from 11 through 18 years if they have completed the recommended childhood DTP/DTaP vaccination series and have not received a Td dose. In some special situations, Td, rather than Tdap may be indicated.